The REDSKIN

CLASS
1953

OKLAHOMA
School for the Deaf

THIS IS THE DOOR which first we entered when we came to school. This is the door through which we shall soon leave.

To us, it is more than just a door to a building—it is a door that has always been open for us, to lead us to usefulness and to happiness, and within its friendly portals we have made friends who will be with us as long as we shall live.

So, let us say that this is

THE DOOR THAT LEADS ONE TO LOVE AND HAPPINESS.

DEDICATION

To Our Teachers:

Long years ago—no, short years ago most of us came to you as helpless children. You took us by the hand and with infinite love and patience you proceeded to instruct us in the things that we would need to help us take our rightful places in our communities.

Today, we are ready to set sail. Some of us will be on seas that are smooth, while others may have to overcome rough stretches in order to reach "port". But, armed with the knowledge you have imparted to us, and strengthened by the Faith that is a part of those who love Him and seek to do His Will, we are confident that some day we shall make it Home!

To you, our teachers, past and present, the members of the Class of 1955 salute you with love and gratitude, and to you they wish to dedicate this, their annual—

THE REDSKIN OF 1955.

CLASS OFFICERS

PAT FERGUSON

President

WANDA THOMPSON

Vice-President

JOYCE MERRITT

Secretary-Treasurer

CLASS MOTTO

Today We Follow, Tomorrow We Lead

CLASS COLORS

Blue and White

CLASS FLOWER

Pansy

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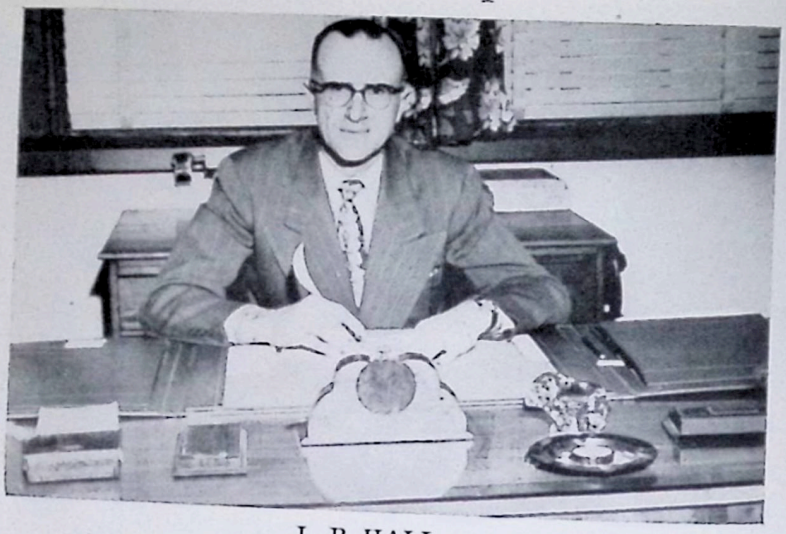
A Message from the Superintendent



L. B. HALL

TO THE CLASS OF 1955 we wish the very best that life has to offer. You must remember that if you are to receive big things, you must give liberally of your time and effort: vocationally, socially, and spiritually. "As ye sow so shall ye reap."

ADMINISTRATION

RICHARD YOUNGERS
Principal

MARIAN ANDERSON
Secretary to Principal

HENRY GEORGE
Steward

FREIA PEAK
Secretary to Superintendent

ROBERT LEROY CONDIT

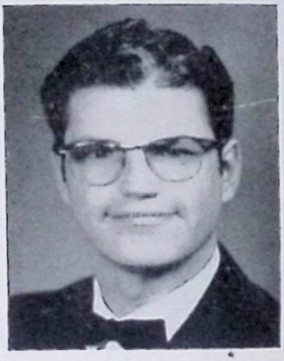
Oklahoma City

Robert likes to sleep late better than anything else and hates to get up early. Although his vocation is cleaning and pressing he spends a great deal of his time taking pictures.

PATRICK BARTON FERGUSON

Oklahoma City

Pat wants only the best of everything. No secondhand deals for him. He is really a manager. Pat takes lots of pictures, too. His vocation is printing.



JOHN GILBERT HAMMERS

Oklahoma City

John likes adventures of all kinds; that is, if they are exciting. He has a certain dislike for timid people. He spends a great deal of his time drawing pictures when he should be pacticing printing.

ARVILLE JUNIOR KING

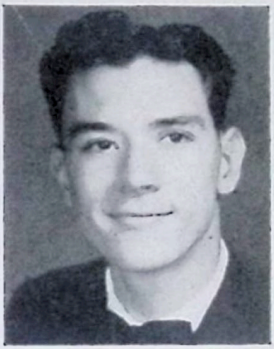
Talihina

Arville enjoys sports more than anything else and is quite a "Speed Demon" on the track. Almost anytime, day or night, he can be found in leathercraft, which is both hobby and vocation for him.

ROY IBURN KINNEY

Davis

Roy spends most of his time outside of school taking pictures of one subject, "MARLENE". His likes are Marlene and candy and he says his dislikes are tall girls. But it seems kinda hard to believe, since he is the tallest boy in the school.

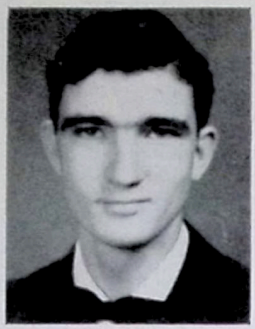


JOYCE LARNELL MERRITT

Atoka

Joyce is always thinking of diets, and collects dieting menus. She likes to talk and the conversation is always full of wit and sparkle.

She dislikes any food that is fattening. Her vocation is cleaning and pressing, but she prefers being a housewife.



ROBERT EARL PARKER

Stilwell

Robert can always be found working in the Candy Canteen, and every time you see somebody looking for him, you will know that they want some candy. He likes cars and has drawn models since he was a small boy. He does not like loud people. He has made some beautiful things in carpentry.

EVELYN PERRY

Keota

Evelyn is always sleeping or reading funny books. Her only big dislike is study hall. Her vocation is cleaning and pressing.

PATRICIA CAROL REESE

Sulphur

Whenever you see a camera, look behind it for Patsy—for her hobby is taking pictures—all sorts, all shapes and all sizes. Her worst fault is refusing to eat asparagus and her best virtue is chasing boys!

WANDA LEE THOMPSON

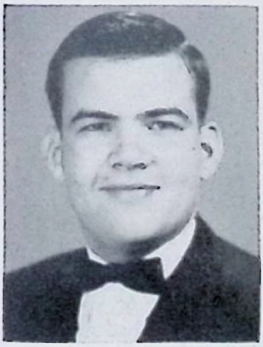
Muskogee

Wanda's hobby is collecting jewelry. She likes nothing better than pretty clothes and she wears them well, too. Woe unto those people who bother her. Her vocation is printing.

CHARLES DEWAYNE THURBER

Chickasha

Charles is swashbuckling, free wheeling, self-appointed, majordomo of everything. He says he dislikes girls. Believe it or not! He will make a good carpenter for a domineering wife.



Class Prophecy

It was May 20, 1975. On the street I was approached by a man, evidently from Mars, who offered to sell me a magic machine which operated much like a dial talkabout. This machine gave the owner a three-minute closeup of a particular person simply by dialing the surname of that acquaintance. I bought it, sure enough.

Back home, comfortably seated in my favorite chair, I thought of the members of the Class of 1955, Oklahoma School for the Deaf, and began to dial their names, one by one. Following are the closeup pictures of my friends. . . .

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PARKER, ROBERT: I saw him as the Strawberry King of Stilwell. He owned a farm of 10,000 acres, annually shipping a crop to market which brought him $5,000,000. Above his desk I saw a sign "NO CREDIT" and I remembered it as the one he used in the candy room at OSD. His wife looked like a movie queen, and Robert was the proud father of sixteen children.

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THOMPSON, WANDA: She had just finished her third book on, "I Hate Men!" Much plumper than she was at OSD, she could just squeeze into a 44-dress as a result of bonbons and chewing gum. She was pacing up and down the room in an angry mood and the object of her anger, evidently her henpecked husband, sat cowering in a chair. She said, "You're one reason why I hate men!" He replied, "Yes, my dear."

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CONDIT, ROBERT: I saw Robert actually getting out of bed before his alarm clock sounded! He was so anxious to get to work that he met himself coming home from his famed cheesecake studio. He was famed for pictures used on Esquire calendars. He was a multimillionaire, fat, bald, and unmarried.

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PERRY, EVELYN: Behold! our once plump Indian appeared as a ballet dancer, trim and graceful. She had given command performances before kings and queens. She drove around in a super Cadillac chauffeured by an ermine-uniformed Indian brave. A spinister, she was still suffering a broken heart as a result of a lover's quarrel with her Missouri heart-throb.

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FERGUSON, PATRICK: Pat was shown as a renown trainer of parakeets. He had over 10,000 in his house and each one had been taught to say, "Pat is All-American. Pat is World-American." He had a VanDyke beard, used a monocle and, I suspect, a girdle. A customer came in. He bowed from the waist, turned pale, then fled because he had split the trousers, already too tight in certain places.

HAMMERS, JOHN: Lo! I saw the handsomest looking villian playing opposite the prettiest cowgirl imaginable. As he took the beauteous lady in his arms, he threw away a hand-rolled fag that had seen better puffs, rolled his eyes, then drawled, "Boy, Oh Boy, this is going to be as much fun as sleeping in class was at OSD." Just then a fire truck dashed by, whereupon John unceremoniously dumped the cowgirl, mounted his pinto and was off.

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MERRITT, JOYCE: I saw a sad-faced little lady moving slowly from plate to plate at a table where eleven hungry children were banging their plates. As she passed each one, she belted each one over the head with the spoon! The children were not hers!—she was the owner of a child-care service. Her husband had run off with the bearded lady of the carnival. As usual, Joyce was chewing gum.

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THURBER, CHARLES: I saw Charles at home where he did all the housework and took care of the six children while his wife was out working to support them. I noted he had a black eye as a result of Mrs. Thurber swatting him with the skillet for letting the meat burn. He had been reading about the OU football team. He signed, "I was a fool to get married!!!!"

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KING, ARVILLE: Arville was now the fat man of Kelley's Circus. He weighed 850 pounds and he earned $198.88 a week just sitting on a platform for folks to gape at. On his chest he wore the 880-yard relay medal he won while at OSD. Unmarried, Arville was still hoping his girl friend would claim him should be succeed in coming down to 825 pounds.

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KINNEY, ROY: A truck rushed past but not before I saw "Kinney Diaper Service" on the side panel. A tall man jumped out with a package, later to rush out of a house with another, and be off again. As he passed his home, he waved to his little wife and his ten little Kinneys—that is how he got the idea for this paying business!

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REESE, PATSY: Patsy was shown as a willowy blonde who had the local gentry outdoing themselves spreading their coats for her to walk over imaginary mud puddles. You see, her 500 producing oil wells were nice things to have! She walked 5 poodles wearing diamond studded collars, and each dog was followed by a bodyguard carrying a machine gun.

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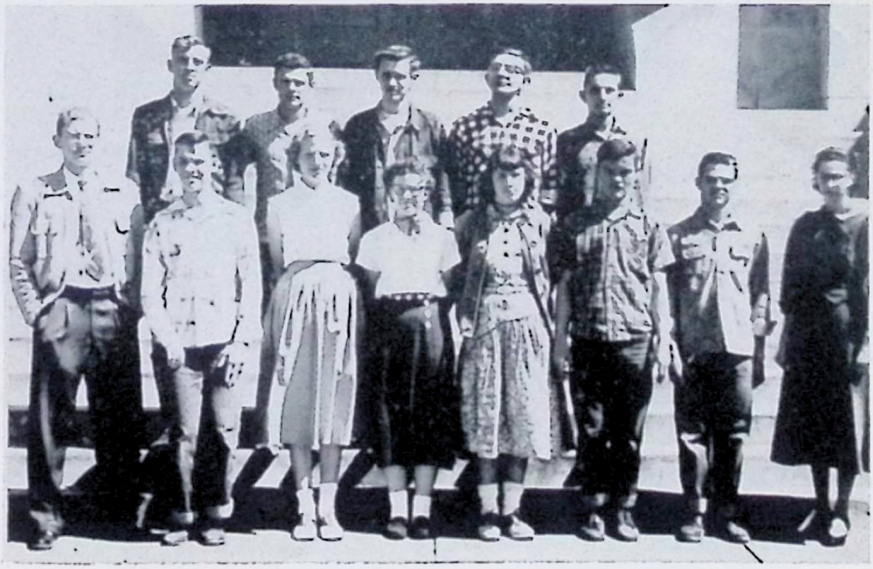
I had run out of names. Those 3-minute sketches did not show everything, but I knew not one member of the class was starving and that all of them, in a way, had made good.

I decided to try dialing the names all over again but the old machine went dead on me but not before a sign flashed on the screen which read, "That's enough for a little squirt like you!"

CLASS OF 1956

THE CLASS OF 1957

THE CLASS OF 1958



MIDDLE SCHOOL GROUP

LOWER SCHOOL GROUP

HOST-HOSTESS CHRISTMAS PARTY

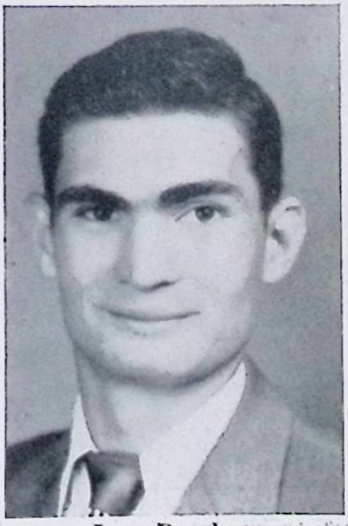
STILL MORE AT HOST-HOSTESS PARTY

DRIVER TRAINING CLASS

Seated, left to right: Harris, Hardy, Perry, Thompson, Waye, Lutes, Logan, Standing: Butcher Starkey, Callicoat, Hammers, Moran, Montgomery, Scott, McMain, Tommy Hall, Instructor, Bentley, Parker, D. Evans.

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

Wanda Markley
Junior



Ivan Renshaw
Junior

The Virginia Reel Being Glorified!
The Easter Bunnies Were Here!
A Science Class Studying Fish!
Our Snappy Rhythm Band!

Home-made Marionettes!
Just Having Some Fun!
London Bridge is Falling Down!
A Reading Project That "Registers"!

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA

Marlene Logan, F.H.A. president, with a portable mixer presented to the Home Economics department by the Future Homemakers.

VOCATIONAL

ing saving soles

rs. Smith training future dressmakers

rs. Hudson and some 5-star cooks

McMain making fancy boots

The dressmakers in action again

Could this be Mother Hubbard's cupboard?

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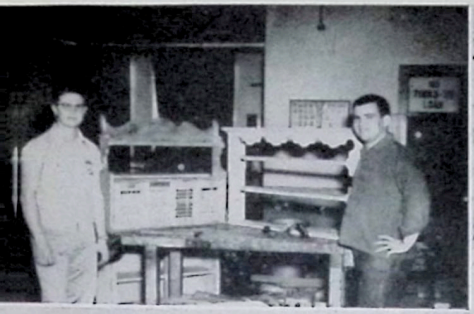

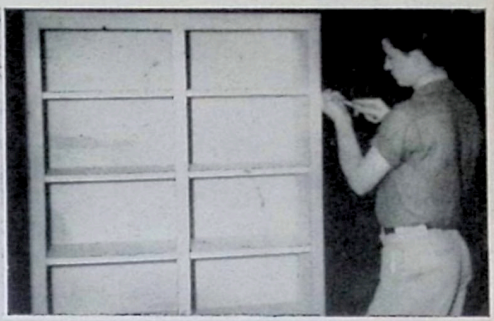

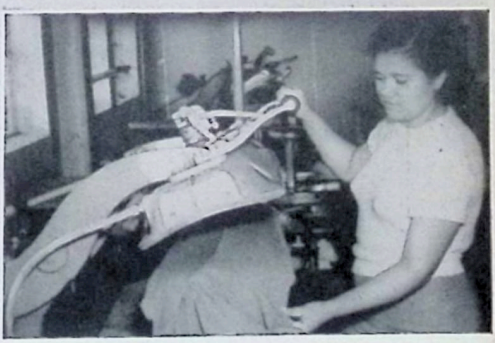

day and Thurber feeling mighty good

mney and Hammers making up a form

Reese inspecting garments

Parker busy on the job

Ferguson tickling the ivories

Perry playing with the Hoffman

Some Juniors waiting for you to buy from their bazaar.

Dedication of the Christian Endeavor Society Bible—Mrs. E. B. Hayes.

Say, wasn't the decorating of this tree a great deal of fun?

Christmas really meant a lot to these happy youngsters!

Class Will

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1955, Oklahoma School for the Deaf, being of sound health and good memory, and soon to leave this friendly school for the wide, wide world, do hereby make and declare this to be our last will and testament, hereby revoking all previous wills.

We leave to the school and her people our love and gratitude for all that has been done to help us.

ROBERT CONDIT leaves his uncanny skill at being late for every occasion to Ivan Renshaw.

JOHN HAMMERS leaves his scarecrow flapping shirt tails to William Lewis.

ARVILLE KING leaves his fascinating long eyelashes to Elmo Pierce to help him with the girls.

ROY KINNEY leaves his knowledge of flash bulbs which usually explode in his face to Vernon McVay.

JOYCE MERRITT leaves all of her stamped envelopes, addressed to Tonkawa, Oklahoma, to Ronald Evans because she will not need them any more.

PAT FERGUSON leaves his interest in several young ladies to gallant Wayne Spears.

ROBERT PARKER leaves his quiet smile and his courteous manners to Hoite Hargis who needs them badly.

EVELYN PERRY leaves her ability as a flirt to Mary Thurber.

PATSY REESE leaves all her hard luck at keeping boy friends to Virginia Harper who has been in the same boat.

WANDA THOMPSON leaves her fondness for chewing a whole package of gum at the same time to Marlene Logan.

CHARLES THURBER leaves his 44-inch waist to Wayne Gardineer.

In witness of the above, we, the undersigned do hereunto set our signatures on this class will on the twentieth day of May, in the year of our Lord, 1955, A.D.

(Signed)

Robert Condit
John Hammers
Arville King
Roy Kinney
Joyce Merritt
Pat Ferguson
Robert Parker
Evelyn Perry
Patsy Reese
Wanda Thompson
Charles Thurber

THE 1954 FOOTBALL SQUAD

Kneeling, left to right: McVay, Engleman, Renshaw, Condit, Ferguson, Butcher, Harris, Spears, Bentley, Lyday, Adkission, King. Back: Thurber, Manager, E. S. Foltz, Coach, Hargis, Stacy, Starkey, Moran, Kinney, Smith, R. Evans, Hardy, Robert Fleming, Assistant coach.

THE CROWNING OF THE FOOTBALL QUEEN

Left to right: Howard Bentley, Louise Cornwell, Ivan Renshaw, Carolyn Smith, Rosemary Stapp, Queen Wanda Thompson, Milfred Engleman, Mrs. Crystal Lemmings Bock (Queen, 1954), Darrell Lyday, Marlene Logan, Roy Kinney.

VARSITY TEAM, 1954-55

Front, left to right: Ferguson, Bentley, Spears, Engleman, Adkission, McVay. Back, left to right: R. Evans, Starkey, Kinney, Moran, King, Penny.

JUNIOR BASKETEERS, 1954-55

Seated, left to right: Strother, D. Evans, Fullbright, Whitson, Callicoat. Standing: Garriott, Oshel, Hicks.

GRADE SCHOOL QUINTET, 1954-55

TRACK TEAM, 1955

SPORTS
FLEMING
FOLTZ
NORTON
FOOTBALL QUEEN

DEAF
INDIANS

x^2+y^2
ALGeBRA
UGH!!!

BABIES

Wanda

Pat

Robert P.

Patsy

Arville

Evelyn

Joyce

Charles

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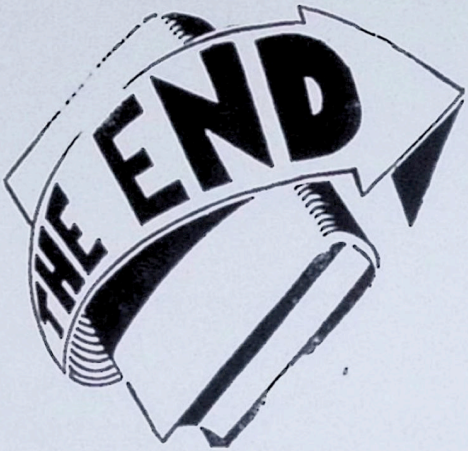
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